Cut in Non-Plan Expenditure of Ministries

1247. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have curtailed the non-plan expenditure of various Ministries and whether Ministry of Finance is also included in the same; if so, the percentage of reduction in non-plan expenditure;

(b) whether unnecessary expenditure by bureaucrats has also been reduced besides reduction in non-plan expenditure of various Ministries; if so, the percentage of reduction and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the effect on functioning of various Ministries due to the said reduction in expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Information in regard to percentage of reduction on account of cut in non-plan expenditure and reduction of unnecessary expenditure is not centrally maintained; and

(c) Cut in non-plan expenditure is in regard to non-developmental non-productive expenditure.

Excise concessions to small scale sector

1248. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government extends certain concessions in central excise on products of small scale industries;

(b) whether labeling or re-labeling and re-packina, as far as levy of Excise duty is concerned with regard to Chapter 73 and Chapter 85 are legal or illegal; and

(c) the steps proposed to assist genuine small scale units as far as grant of excise concessions are concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Under notification No. 8/2002-CE., dated 1.3.2002 small scale units are eligible